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In accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council, the following communiqué was issued through the Secretary-General in place of a verbatim record:

"At its 6499th meeting, held in private on 21 March 2011, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan'.

"The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative the Sudan, at his request, to participate in the consideration without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Pagan Amum, Secretary General of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement.

"The Security Council heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Atul Khare, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

"The Security Council heard a statement by the representative of the Sudan.

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"The members of the Council, the representative of the Sudan, Mr. Amum and Mr. Khare had an exchange of views."